(b) if so, what are the details of such loans stating name of the nationalised banks advancing the loan amount of loan advanced to each of the above said newspaper groups;

(c) whether RBI guidelines had been adhered to, what is the progress in the matter of realising these loans from the concerned newspaper groups till date stating the action, if any, taken to realise these debts; and

(d) if no, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) to (d) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House to the extent available and permissible under the Rnles.

Evasion of Central Excise in South Gujarat

2635. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SMT. KAMLA SINHA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report appearing in the Indian Express dated the 23rd July, 1993 regarding flourishing racket in the evasion of Octroi and Central Excise in South Gujarat in connivance with certain official agencies; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by the Government in the matter.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHIR M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) Yes Sir. A new item has appeared in the Indian Express dated 23rd July, 1993 about evasion of duty of excise and octroi.

(b) So far as evasion of excise duty is concerned Textiles have already been identified as one of the evasion prone commodities. A number of cases of Central Excise duty evasion have been detected against textile processors by the Directorate General of Anti-evasion as well as by the concerned Collectorates. Surveillance has been stepped up on the manufacturers suspected to be indulging in evasion of duty of excise on the basis of intelligence gathered.

Brochure on Pay and Allowance of Government Employees

2636. DR SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pay Research Unit in the Department of Expenditure has completed its work for bringing out the 14th issue of the Brochure on Pay and Allowances of Central Government Civilian employees;

(b) if so, by when will it be published;

(c) if not, what is the total expenditure on pay and allowances and number of Central Government's Civilian employees as reported in the 13th Brochure; and

(d) what steps are being taken to curb the increasing expenditure on pay and allowances?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHIR M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) The work for bringing out the 14th issue of Brochure on Pay and Allowances of Central Government employees is in progress and the Brochure is likely to be published by the end of October, 1993.